GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:494
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KISSAN SEVA KENDRA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): the number of retail outlets opened under the name `Kissan Seva Kendra` in the rural areas during 2005-06, State-wise;

(b): the intended objectives behind setting up of such outlets;

(c): the number of such retail outlets proposed to be opened during 2006-07, State- wise;

(d): whether any assessment has been made about the efficacy of such outlets; and

(e): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.494 to be answered on 18.5.2006 regarding Kissan Seva Kendra.

(a) & (c): During the year 2005-06, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) opened 557 Kisan Seva Kendras (KSKs), the Company`s low-cost retail outlets in the rural areas, in the country. IOC proposes to set up 694 more such outlets during the current year, i.e., 2006-07. However, opening of such outlets during the current year will depend on various factors like availability of land, viability of locations, obtaining statutory approvals, etc. State/Union Territory-wise break-up of these numbers is given in the Annex.

(b): The intended objectives behind setting up such outlets include making diesel as well as the allied agri-facilities / items required by the farmers available to them under one roof at their doorsteps, providing gainful employment opportunity to rural people, etc.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. Taking into account the low level of investments made in KSKs, it is expected that the likely sales volume in the second year will make these KSKs profitable. During 2004-05, IOC had commissioned 23 KSKs, which are running profitably. Similarly, KSKs commissioned in 2005-06 are likely to be fully operational during 2006-07 and thus expected to be profitable thereafter. Such retail outlets are economically viable if their monthly throughput is at least 25 Kilolitres. As against this, the average throughput per KSK commissioned during 2004-05 was 62 Kilolitres during March, 2006.

Annex referred to in reply to parts (a) & (c) of the Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.494 to be answered on 18.5.2006 regarding Kissan Seva Kendra.

Number of Kisan Seva Kendras opened and proposed to be opened in the country by Indian Oil Corporation Limited during 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively.

S.No.	State/ Union Territory	Number of Kisan Seva Kendras opened in 2005-06	Number of Kisan Seva Kendras proposed to be opened in 2006-07
	States		

1	Andhra Pradesh	36	40
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	01
3	Assam	12	09
4	Bihar	42	60
5	Chhattisgarh	04	15
6	Goa	0	01
7	Gujarat	36	39
8	Haryana	12	35
9	Himachal Pradesh	02	05
10	Jammu & Kashmir	07	10
11	Jharkhand	08	15
12	Karnataka	57	40
13	Kerala	51	50
14	Madhya Pradesh	23	35
15	Maharashtra	09	19
16	Manipur	01	02
17	Meghalaya	02	01
18	Mizoram	0	01
19	Orissa	22	35
20	Punjab	4	75
21	Rajasthan	50	60
22	Tamil Nadu	51	46
23	Uttaranchal	02	05
24	Uttar Pradesh	70	95
25	West Bengal	08	30

Union Territories

26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	01
27.	Pondicherry	03	04

Total		557	694